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Applicant : James S. Norris et al.

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Filed : February 26, 2002

Title : TISSUE-SPECIFIC AND TARGET RNA-SPECIFIC RIBOZYMES

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The Penn State Research Foundation and MUSC Foundation For Research Development also certify that each is a co-assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,271,359. A copy of these assignments are attached for your reference.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the above-referenced application and to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in The Penn State Research Foundation and MUSC Foundation For Research Development.

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expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,271,359, whereby the patent granted on this above-referenced application and U.S. Patent No. 6,271,359 will expire on the same day, provided that any patent granted on the above-referenced application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it is commonly owned with U.S. Patent No. 6,271,359.


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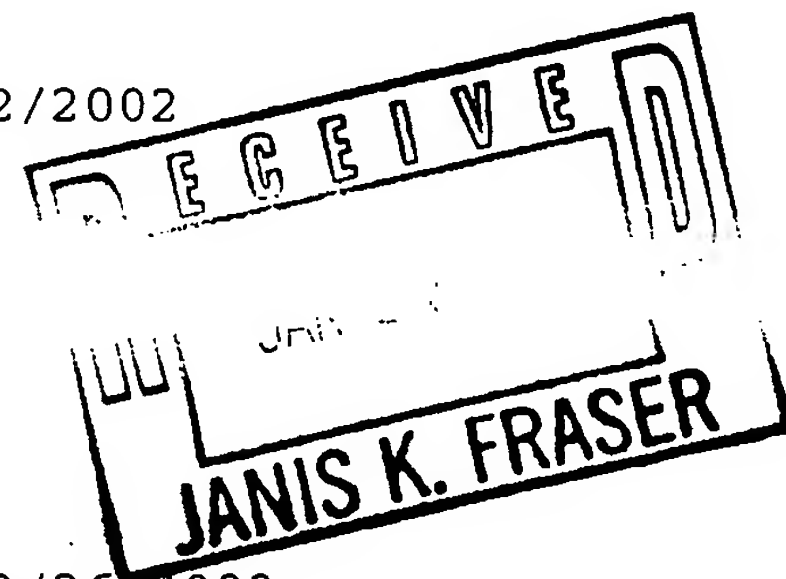
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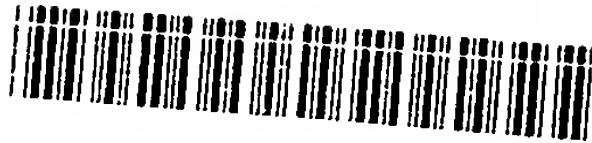
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WHEREAS, Medical University of South Carolina, having a place of business at 171 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC 29425-2230, (hereinafter termed "Assignor"), owns the entire right, title, and interest in the inventions described below (hereinafter "Said Inventions,")

TISSUE-SPECIFIC AND TARGET RNA-SPECIFIC RIBOZYMES

for which a United States Patent Application Serial No.: 10/082,973, was filed on February 26, 2002, and

WHEREAS, MUSC Foundation for Research Development, having a place of business at 261 Calhoun St., Suite 305, Charleston, SC 29425, (hereinafter termed "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the Assignor's right, title and interest in and to Said Inventions, and in and to any and all patent applications, patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter termed "patents") thereon granted in the United States and foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Assignor to have been received from said Assignee, including the obligations of Assignee to Assignor contained in the Agreement between the Assignor and Assignee dated November 15, 2001:

1. Said Assignor does hereby, subject to the rights of the United States Government, if any, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq., sell, assign, transfer and convey unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest (a) in and to Said Inventions; (b) in and to all rights to apply for foreign patents on Said Inventions pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all applications filed and any and all patents granted on Said Inventions in the United States or any foreign country, including each and every application filed and each and every patent granted on any application which is a divisional, substitution, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any of said applications; and (d) in and to each and every reissue or extensions of any of said patents.

2. Said Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to cooperate with said Assignee to enable said Assignee, to enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest herein conveyed in the United States and foreign countries. Such cooperation by the Assignor shall include prompt production of pertinent facts and documents, giving of testimony, execution of petitions, oaths, specifications, declarations or other papers, and other assistance all to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by the parties (a) for perfecting in said Assignee the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) for prosecuting any of said applications; (c) for filing and prosecuting substitute, divisional, continuing or additional applications covering Said Inventions; (d) for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of any said patents; (e) for interference or other priority proceedings involving Said Inventions; and (f) for legal proceedings involving Said Inventions and any applications therefore and any patents granted thereon, including without limitation reissues and reexaminations, opposition proceedings, cancellation proceedings, priority contests, public use proceedings, infringement actions and court actions.

3. The terms and covenants of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon the Assignor, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

4. Said Assignor hereby warrants and represents that the Assignor has not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Assignor has executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee this 12th day of July, 2002.

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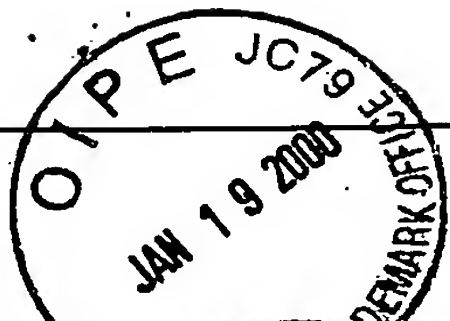
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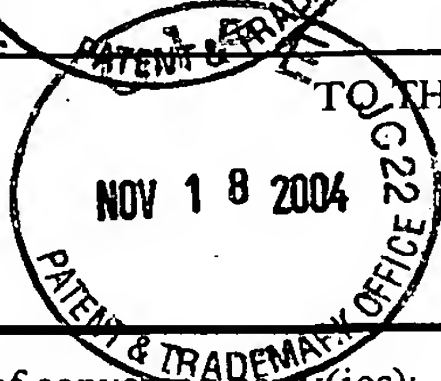
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WHEREAS, WE, GARY A. CLAWSON and WEI-HUA PAN, ASSIGNORS, citizens of the United States and China, respectively, residing at 5709 Rockmere Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20816; and 907 Butler Court, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania 17036, respectively, are co-inventors with, JAMES S. NORRIS, MICHAEL G. SCHMIDT, BRIAN HOEL, JOSEPH W. DOLAN, DAVID SCHOFIELD, CAROLINE WESTWATER, and CANCAN HUANG, citizens of the United States, the United States, the United States, the United States, the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom, and China, respectively, residing at 1010 Casseque Province, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 1257 Wynnwood Court, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 36 S. Battery, Charleston, South Carolina 29401; 1821 Falling Circle, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 803K Runaway Bay Drive, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 803K Runaway Bay Drive, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; and 1515 Ashley River Road, F49, Charleston, South Carolina 29407, respectively, of the invention in TISSUE-SPECIFIC AND TARGET RNA-SPECIFIC RIBOZYMES for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

- ☒ which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 9175-010
- ☒ which was filed on June 24, 1999, as Application No. 09/338,942

and WHEREAS, The Penn State Research Foundation, a corporation existing under the laws of Pennsylvania, having a business address at 304 Old Main Street, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that I have full right to convey our entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

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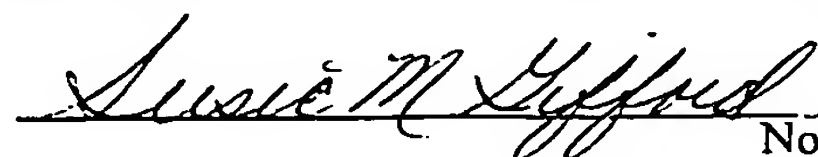
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) SS.:

On this 3rd day of January, ~~1999~~ 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared GARY A. CLAWSON, known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.


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On this 3rd day of January, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared WEI-HUA PAN, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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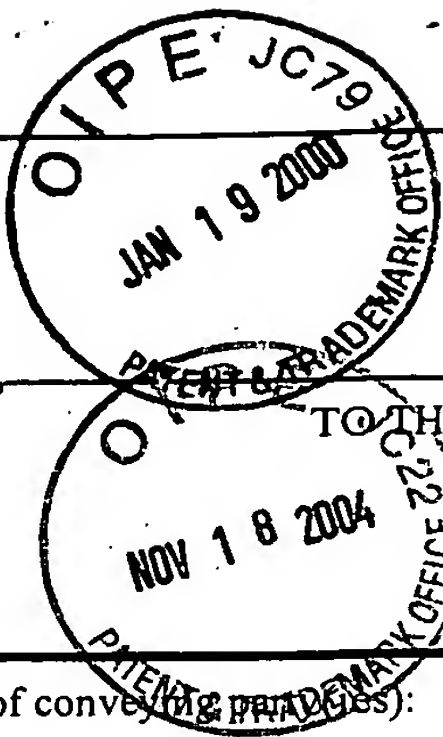
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, JAMES S. NORRIS,, MICHAEL G. SCHMIDT, BRIAN HOEL, JOSEPH W. DOLAN, DAVID SCHOFIELD, CAROLINE WESTWATER, and CANCAN HUANG, ASSIGNORS, citizens of the United States, the United States, the United States, the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom, and China, respectively, residing at 1010 Casseque Province, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 1257 Wynnwood Court, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 36 S. Battery, Charleston, South Carolina 29401; 1821 Falling Circle, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 803K Runaway Bay Drive, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; 803K Runaway Bay Drive, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464; and 1515 Ashley River Road, F49, Charleston, South Carolina 29407, respectively, are co-inventors with GARY A. CLAWSON and WEI-HUA PAN, citizens of the United States and China, respectively, residing at 5709 Rockmere Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20816; and 907 Butler Court, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania 17036, respectively, of the invention in TISSUE-SPECIFIC AND TARGET RNA-SPECIFIC RIBOZYMES for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

- ☒ which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 9175-010
- ☒ which was filed on June 24, 1999, as Application No. 09/338,942

and WHEREAS, Medical University of South Carolina, an agency of the State of South Carolina, having a business address at 171 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29425, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

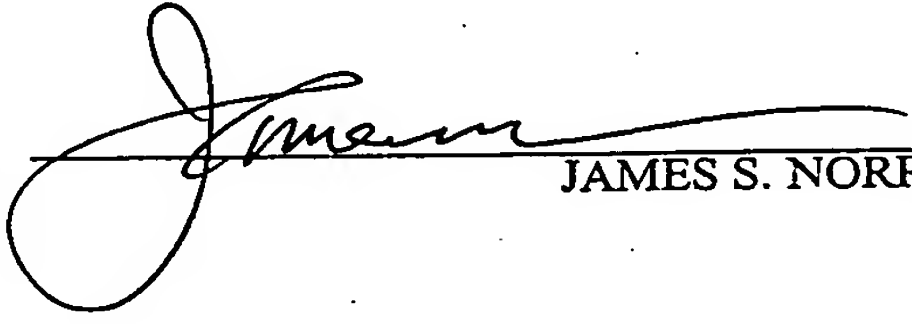
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

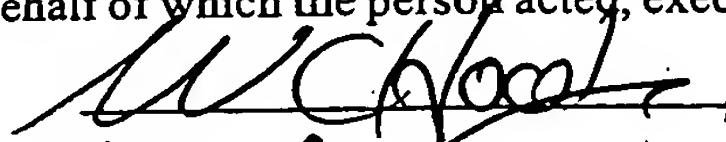
AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey our entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 1/14/2000, 1999  L.S.
 State of SC
 County of Charleston } SS.:
 JAMES S. NORRIS

On this 14 day of January, 2000 before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared JAMES S. NORRIS, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.


 Notary Public.
 Me: April 10, 2000

Date 14 January, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ *Michael G. Schmidt* L.S.
MICHAEL G. SCHMIDT

State of SC
County of Charleston } SS.:

On this 14 day of January, ~~2000~~²⁰⁰⁰ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared MICHAEL G. SCHMIDT, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WCH
Notary Public.
rec: April 10, 2000

Date 14 Jan, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ *Brian Hoel* L.S.
BRIAN HOEL

State of SC
County of Charleston } SS.:

On this 14 day of January, ~~2000~~²⁰⁰⁰ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared BRIAN HOEL, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WCH
Notary Public.
rec: April 10, 2000

Date 14 Jan, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ *Joseph W. Dolan* L.S.
JOSEPH W. DOLAN

State of SC
County of Charleston } SS.:

On this 14 day of January, ~~2000~~²⁰⁰⁰ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared JOSEPH W. DOLAN, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WCH
Notary Public.
rec: April 10, 2000

Date 14 January, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ *D.A. Schofield* L.S.
DAVID SCHOFIELD

State of SC
County of Charleston } SS.:

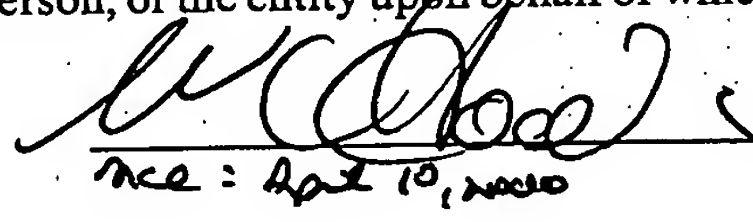
On this 14 day of January, ~~2000~~²⁰⁰⁰ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared DAVID SCHOFIELD, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WCH
Notary Public.
rec: April 10, 2000

Date 14 January ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ Caroline Westwater L.S.
CAROLINE WESTWATER

State of SC }
County of Charleston } SS.:

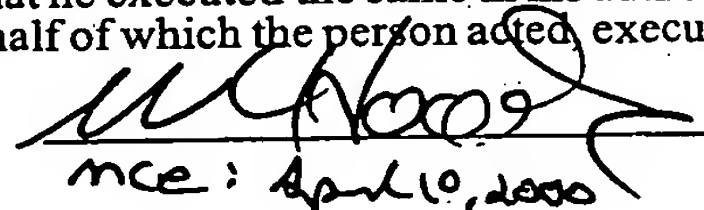
On this 14 day of January, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared CAROLINE WESTWATER, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.


Notary Public.
mce: April 10, 2000

Date 1/14 ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ Cancan Huang L.S.
CANCAN HUANG

State of SC }
County of Charleston } SS.:

On this 14 day of January, ²⁰⁰⁰~~1999~~ before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared CANCAN HUANG, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.


Notary Public.
mce: April 10, 2000